KAISER TAKES PRZASNYSZ IN LATEST DRIVE ON WARSAW

Stubborn Fighting Ends in Victory at Strategic Point, East of Mlawa. German Flank Protected by Occupation and Way Opened for Quick Advance.

New Movement From East Prussia Sweeping Toward Objective - Berlin Regards Lodz Capture as Turning Point in Second German Invasion of Poland.

The German force driving toward Warsaw from East Prussia has captured Przasmysz, a strategic town north of the Vistula and on the line of communication between Mlawa

Gains of from 200 to 600 yards along the French centre are reported today in the official communique issued from the War Office. Along the Aisne and in the Champagne region artillery duels continue, with the advantage resting with the French, while in the Argonne continued progress is reported.

Berlin declares that the French have renewed attacks in the eastern. region of the Argonne, but denies that any progress has been made.

Unofficial reports in Paris announce the capture of a section of railway line over which supplies for the army of the German Crown Prince have been transported.

Persistent German attacks within 40 miles of Warsaw are admitted by Petrograd, which avers, however, that the German battle line of 50 miles' extent was held back in its advance. The new battle opened in the vicinity of Mlawa, whence the Kaiser is aiming a new drive on Warsaw, continues, but not so vigorously. Berlin sets great store on the capture of Lodz, the importance of which is discounted by the Russians. From Petrograd reticence and Vienna declarations, it is apparent that the investment of Cracow is not yet completed; in fact, the Czar is at a standstill in thisoperation. German reinforcements in Galleia and a renewed Austro-German offensive in southern Poland mark a

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THE WEATHER



The extensive case of the blues that the miements seem to have been suffering under for the last five days refuses to respond to treatment and the heavens today are still in a big black suik. Rain, hall, snow and general cloudiness deserve an inning, it's true, after those days and slays of sunlight and good weather of the lat few months. Nevertheless, there is no particular need for getting spiteful about it.

Humanity, however, is optimistic by nature, and there is no better evidence of this than when they have to undergo such a dose of weather as at present. It's hard to be pleasant when one's feet are wet and one oun't speak above a whisper. But enough is enough.

FORECAST

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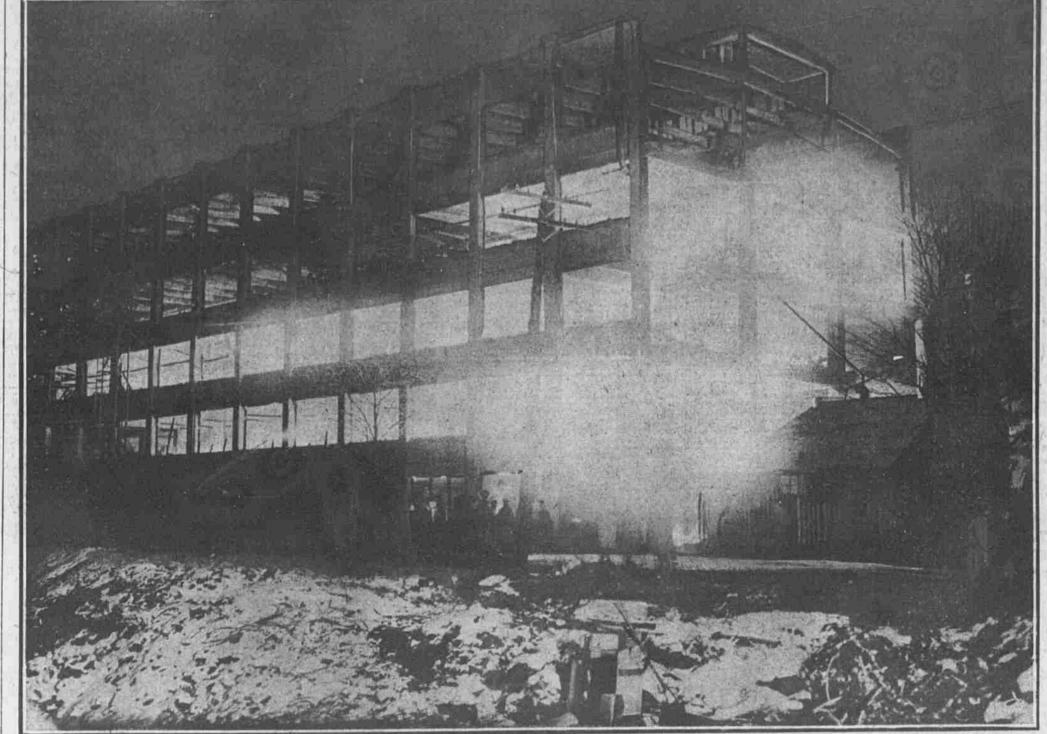
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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH.

The day of yesterday passed quietly in Belgium as well as in the region of Arras, where the enemy made no attempt at a resumption of offensive operations. Farther to the south, in the region of Le Quesnoy and around Sandechy, we made advances varying from 200 to 600 metres. Our gains were maintained and strengthened. In the there has been no change. The Ger-man artillery, over which we gained the advantage during the last few days, yesterday evidenced increased activity, but was again mastered by

our heavy guns.
Our artiflery in the environs of Rheims has forced the Germans to evacuate several trenches. This evacuation took place under the fire of our infantry.

In the region of Certhes the enemy,

by means of two counter attacks, at-tempted to retake the trenches which they had lost on the 5th. They were

repulsed.

The ground taken by us is firmly strengthened.
In all the Argonne our progress continues. We have taken new trenches, repulsed with complete success six counter attacks and have strengthened the positions gained from the enemy.

In the heights of the Meuse thers have been artillery duels, in which we have maintained, despite the greater activity of the enemy's batteries, a marked advantage. In the forest of Le Pretre we have taken new trenches. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front as far as the Swiss frontier.

In the district of Souain the French yesterday confined themselves to heavy artillery fire. There have been renewed French attacks in the eastern region of the Argonne forest at Rocrol and at Courcuilles, but they have made

no progress.

East of the Mazurian lakes only ar-East of the Mazurian lakes only artillery encounters, are taking place. In northern Poland our columns, advancing on the right hank of the Vistuia, teok Pressnyes by storm. Six hundred prisoners and some machine guns were captured.

The attack along the Vistuia River is being continued.

In Southern Poistnd all attacks made by the Russians have been repulsed.

The failure of the French attacks in the Argonne region was due to the heavy fire of our artillery. The enemy suffered severe loss.

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Yesterday three of the enemy's aviators dropped about tan bombs on the open town of Freiburg, which is not situated within the range of operations. No damage was done.

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town not within the range of opera-RESELAN

The bomb-throwing incident is men-tioned in order to show again that the enemy's bombs have attacked an open

On December 8 the fighting in the region of Mawa was less energetic. On the left bank of the Vistula on the avening of December 7, the Garmans commenced an energetic advance along the entire front from How to Giovno (near Lowice). They made repeated permatent attacks in demacolumns. The Bussian fire, sided by sarrabilights which sweet the German-lines, inflinted energence issues on the energy. The Germans were regulated everywhere.

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PASSENGER INCOME

UNDER 2 PER CENT.,

Railroads Plead First in

Hearing by State Public

Service Commission on

Commuters' Protest.

IS P. R. R. DEFENSE

The upper picture shows the famous phonograph disk laboratories in flames. Below is the burning main office of the inventor and staff. Out of 22 buildings composing the West Orange plant only three were left standing. The intense heat made the task of the firemen difficult and their efforts were further hampered by low water pressure.

BUILDING ALREADY,' VAGRANT DAZZLES EDISON'S MESSAGE TO JOVIAN LEAGUE

Electrical Wizard Undismayed by \$5,000,000 Fire Loss, Sends Quick Reply to Condolence.

In response to a telegram of condelence, Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, whose \$5,000,000 plant at East Orange, N. J., was swept by fire, addressed the following message to the Jovian League here today:

"Thanks. We have started to rebuild already." Applause greated the reading of this elegram at the luncheon of the league

in the Adelphia Hotel. This morning. Washington Doversux offered the sympathy of the league to the noted inventor for his loss. The guawer from Mr. Bilison was dated from the scone of the fire.

Smoldering ruling mark the spot where the great plant stood yealerday. Out of it separate buildings but three are standing. One of these is the famous red brick, private abovethy of the electrical wisard, where so many inventions have

brick private absorately of the electronic wisard, where so many inventions have been perfected.

It excaped unscathed from the fire which raged on all sides from about 5:80 presertary evening until midnight last night. The ices is estimated at 15,000,000 with insurance of 8,000,000. There is a

fire fullit," created out of the company's refits.
The hear of one man has been found a the mine of the film inspection building and one man and a girl are reported.

CHINATOWN WITH **WORTHLESS BONDS**

Splurge on \$55,000 in Stolen Papers Would Have Been Real if They Had Been Signed.

The pride of John Smith in his meteoria career through the restuarants of Chinatown as a prince of spendthrift took a sudden drop today when he learned that the motive for his plunge was a mis-take. Smith, who is 22 years old and lives at 143 East Aliegheny avenue, is being held for a further bearing at the

lith and Winter streets station.

The man was caught with a tin box containing bonds of an apparent face was the burden of the defense presented by the railroads before the Fennsylvania Public Service Commission today in their containing bonds of an apparent face value of \$5.00. When he was arraigned before Magistrate Tracy this morning, the official recalled that two days ago Smith was before him as a vagrant. No one noticed that the bundle of supposedly valuable papers carried by Smith were worth exactly what it cost for the paper and the bonds refused to become excited over their loss and recovery that the police became suspicious. Then a further examination of the documents was made and was discovered they were not signed. When Smith was told, this satisfied smile disappeared.

The prisoner, who will be known for years in the Celestial quarter as "the big spender," gave the pialt name of John Smith. He said he was 25 years old min his home is at 16 East Alleganny avents.

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COUNCILS PROVIDE \$50,000 TO RELIEVE SUFFERING OF POOR

Measure Names Department of Health and Emergency Aid Committee as Distributors of Fund.

The measure that will provide \$50,000 for relief of the city's unemployed was passed by Councils today as an amendment to

a pending transfer bill.

The transfer bill, including the amendment, will go with the transfer bill to Mayor Blankenburg for his signature tomorrow morning, making the \$50,000 available at once.

The bill in which the relief fund was incorporated as an amendment is one transfering funds from the Departments of Public Works, Public Safety and City Transit. It was called by Chairman Con-nelly, of the Finance Committee.

The text of the amendment making the

appropriation set forth:
"Toward the relief of the unemployed poor of the city of Philadelphia, \$50,000, the said amount to be expended for such purpose by the Department of Public Health and Charities through the Emer-Health and Charities through the Emergency Aid Committee and be paid by the City Treasurer on warrants drawn by the Director of said department and countersigned by the City Controller."

It is also provided in the amendment that any balance remaining in the sp-propriation at the end of the year shall not merge with the general fund, but shall continue as a relief appropriation. There was no opposition to the amendment, which was immediately adopted by Common Council and sent to the Select Chamber, where similar approving action was taken.

Other Council Proceedings Page Two PASSENGERS FALL 20 FEET Seventeen Injured When Train Goes.

Over Embankment, JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 18 .- Seventeen perdecreased far below normal during 1914 sons were injured, four of them fatally, when a St. Louis and San Francisco pas-

TWO GERMAN SHIPS CAUGHT AND SUNK, IS **NEW REPORT**

Nurnberg and Dresden, Fleeing From Fight off Falkland Islands Where Three Warships Were Sunk by British, Now Rumored Over hauled and Wrecked.

2000 Men and Officers Believed Lost in Greatest Sea Fight of War-Admiral von Spee, Victor of Chili Battle, Reported Drowned With Crew of Flagship.

A report has reached here that the German cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, which escaped when the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig were sunk off the Falkland Islands, have been overtaken and sent to the bottom. This follows the great naval victory on Tuesday, when the three German warships were wrecked and probably 2000 men and of-

mans as to the route the British would take, coupled with rare strategy by the English, that resulted in the hattle.

The Germans tried to avoid a fight with the British fleet. Admiral you Speet was endeavoring to get out into the open Atlantic. When he misjudged the direction by which the British fleet would are tion by which the British fleet would ap proach, however, he was forced to give

In addition to sinking the three Ger man cruisers, the British fleet captured and sank five German merchant vessels in the same vicinity in which the battle

The latest statement issued by the British Admiralty made no mention of the British feet's reported success in overtaking and sinking the Nurnberg and Dresden. According to the last official word, Vice Admiral Sturdee was pursuing the two German vessels. It is reasonable to assume that Admiral Sturdee would report the sinking of the Nurnberg and Dresden to the Admiralty Nurnberg and Dresden to the Admiralty promptly and that the Admiralty would make the news public at once.

LONDON, Dec. 10. British warships, which sank three German cruisers off the Falkland Islands in

KAISER SUFFERS SEVERE ATTACK OF COUGHING

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Emperor's Condition Believed to Be

Serious. LONDON, Dec. 10.—Kaiser Withelm was racked by a severe coughing spell early today and was relieved only after the court physicians and the Empress, who was summoned to his bedside, had administered to him for nearly an hour, according to reports reaching here by way of Amsterdam.

It is now accepted in London that the condition of the Kaiser is serious. It is swident that the strictest censorship is being exercised by the German Govern-

being exercised by the German Govern-ment. Reports of his Majesty's illness have come from numerous points. His allments are variously described as in-fluenza, bronchitis, pneumonia and ner-yous prostration.

Another report of the Kaiser's condi-tion says:

"He is angry at his physician for keeping him in bed and vents his wrath upon the Empress, who is his devoted nurse. A telephone wire lasds from the aick room to field headquarters, and he rages because he is not allowed to use this as frequently as he wishes. "Special prayers are being offered for the complete recovery of the Kaiser."

KAISER REPORTED DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The rumor that the Kaiser is dead persists today, daspits the dispatches from Berlin through The Hagus and Amsterdam, purporting to be official bulletins, which state that his condition is unchanged.

The order of the Kaiser to the Prussian Guards to "take Caisis by Descober 10 or die in the attempt" is recalled in connection with the rumors. That many of the fumous guards actually did perish in their efforts to push through to the Channel coast is pointed out.

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